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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6363

BILL NUMBER: HB 1056

NOTE PREPARED: Feb 13, 2003

BILL AMENDED: Feb 13, 2003

SUBJECT: Disposal of State Flag.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Goodin

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: 2nd Reading - 1st House

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
 DEDICATED
 FEDERAL

IMPACT: Local

Summary of Legislation: (Amended) The bill specifies that a worn out state flag should be disposed of in a dignified way. The bill authorizes the display of a United States flag in each classroom of a school corporation and allows a school corporation to provide a daily opportunity for students to voluntarily recite the Pledge of Allegiance, with an exemption for those students who choose (or whose parents choose for them) not to participate in the pledge. The bill allows a school corporation to establish the daily observance of a 30 second period of silence in each classroom. The bill provides that if the governing body of a school corporation has not established a policy concerning the pledge of allegiance or a period of silence, a principal or teacher may establish a policy. The bill repeals a current law allowing an optional brief period of silent prayer or meditation.

Effective Date: July 1, 2003.

Explanation of State Expenditures: To the extent that the state currently destroys worn out state flags by burning them, the bill would not require additional expenditure.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: (Revised) A school corporation would be given the option to purchase enough United States flags to be displayed in each classroom of a school. The amount of expenditures necessary would depend on local action.

Background: There are currently 293 school corporations in Indiana, with approximately 1,900 public schools.

Based on a simple sample of flag retailers, American flags can be purchased for prices ranging from \$1.50 to \$23.50 each, depending upon flag size and order quantities.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected:

Local Agencies Affected: School corporations.

Information Sources: Anyflag.com; Tidmoreflags.com; Martin's Flag Company; Regal Flags; CVS Systems Inc.

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